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To: Superintendent Kelly Richardson

From: Deputy Daniel Larocque

Date: January 27, 2020

Re: City Council Motion Response

9.3. C. Samaras – Req. City Manager to have Superintendent of Police Provide a Report Regarding Action Taken to Address Violence in the Downtown District at Closing Time of the Establishments; Additionally Work with Bar Owners to Develop Solutions to Address Ongoing Issues Inside Their Respective Establishments

In January of 2019, the department reassigned several officers to various walking routes in downtown on the day and early night shifts. This re-deployment of personnel ensured that the downtown neighborhood had proper coverage based on current crime analysis data. In the fall of 2019, the Downtown Precinct on Central Street was opened. This location has brought officers and analysts into the heart of downtown to work with residents and business members.

The Lowell Police Department deploys a four officer patrol in Downtown Lowell every Friday and Saturday night. The detail's primary duties are to conduct visible foot patrols in the Merrimack Street, Middle Street, Market Street and Central Street areas to ensure that order is maintained in the neighborhood. The officers are required to visit all licensed establishments during the tour of duty. The supervisor coordinates the Lowell Police response to downtown at closing time with the on duty shift personnel. This coordinated effort is needed to ensure that the department remains capable of responding to calls for service throughout the city's neighborhoods.

The detail members along with on duty officers, provide a strong visible presence during the bar closings. The costs of the Downtown Patrol for the years 2017-2019 are as follows:

- 2017 - \$84,523
- 2018 - \$65,499
- 2019 - \$53,643

Along with the weekly Downtown Patrol, the Lowell Police Department deploys additional patrols to the Downtown neighborhood during the Lowell Folk Festival, St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving Eve and Winterfest events. The cost for these specialty patrols for the years 2017-2019 are as follows:

- 2017 - \$17,278
- 2018 - \$16,006
- 2019 - \$15,579

The department's representative to the License Commission is a Captain. In 2019, \$10,162.68 was spent on this position to cover Lowell License Commission meetings as well as Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) meetings.

Attached is a report from the Lowell Police Crime Analysis Unit. The report breaks down the calls for service in the downtown section of the city for the years 2017-2019. The report indicates that for the years 2017-2019, the department responded to 3,972 calls for service in the downtown area.

The Lowell Police CAU reviewed the call data for the Downtown licensed establishments from 01-01-2019 through 12-31-2019. In examining the data, Proactive Policing, Traffic Stops, Animal Problems, Accidents, Service Calls and Missing were removed from the criteria search. The data shows that Blue Shamrock (74) Thirsty First (64) Smokehouse (36) Dudley's (27) Cappy's Copper Kettle (21) Old Court (21) and the Safe (17) have had the most calls for direct service incidents. The data report will be included with this report.

The Lowell Police Department is coordinating a free training for staff at all licensed establishments in the City of Lowell. The training will be held at the Lowell Police Training Center on Middlesex Street. The purpose of the meeting is for department personnel to review the Alcohol Beverages Regulations for Licenses issued by the Lowell License Commission. The training will also cover the requirements for acceptable forms of identification per MGL 138 S34B. The training will be under the direction of Captain James Hodgdon, the LPD liaison to the Lowell License Commission.

During 2019, the Massachusetts State Police's Community Action Team was deployed in the city with Lowell Police personnel approximately six times. The two agencies work together to provide a directed patrol in the downtown and the outlying areas of the city. This partnership continues to be a focused deterrent to crimes of disorder.

LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME ANALYSIS / INTELLIGENCE UNIT

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Information contained within this report was pulled utilizing the Crimeview system by drawing a boundary around the requested area, and cleaned for duplicate Case Numbers, with the exception of Alcohol Compliance Checks which were pulled through Larimore and cleaned by hand to depict those that occurred in the requested area.



Figure 1

Figure 1 shows the number of Officer Injury Reports, Use of Force Reports, Disorderly Reports, False ID Reports, and Arrests in the requested area for the years of 2017, 2018, 2019 (through 12/19/19).

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------------|
| Officer Injury Reports | 6 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| Use of Force Reports | 23 | 17 | 17 | 57 |
| Disorderly Reports | 42 | 21 | 35 | 98 |
| False ID Reports | 1 | 0 | 8 | 9 |
| Arrests | 81 | 78 | 69 | 228 |

Figure 2

Figure 2 shows the number of Officer Injury Reports, Use of Force Reports, Disorderly Reports, False ID Reports, and Arrests in the requested area for the years of 2017, 2018, 2019 (through 12/19/19) for the timeframe of 0100-0300 only.

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------------|
| Officer Injury Reports | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| Use of Force Reports | 15 | 12 | 13 | 40 |
| Disorderly Reports | 30 | 17 | 23 | 70 |
| False ID Reports | 1 | 0 | 7 | 8 |
| Arrests | 58 | 44 | 46 | 148 |

Figure 3 shows the number of Alcohol Compliance Reports in the requested area for the years of 2017, 2018, 2019 (through 12/19/19).

Figure 3

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alcohol Compliance Reports | 19 | 8 | 13 | 40 |

Figure 4 shows the number of CAD Calls to the requested area for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 (through 12/19/19).

Figure 4

| Call Category | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 911 Hang Up/Misdial | 23 | 9 | 12 | 44 |
| Accident | 27 | 25 | 35 | 87 |
| Alarm | 65 | 35 | 33 | 133 |
| Alcohol Compliance | 3 | 6 | 10 | 19 |
| Animal Problem | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Arrest/Wagon Request | 21 | 20 | 19 | 60 |
| Assault | 25 | 32 | 19 | 76 |
| Assistance | 35 | 28 | 21 | 84 |
| B&E | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| B&E MV | 4 | 10 | 3 | 17 |
| BOLO | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Disturbances | 92 | 79 | 63 | 234 |
| Domestic | 10 | 14 | 5 | 29 |
| Fight | 83 | 61 | 58 | 202 |
| Fire | 13 | 12 | 5 | 30 |
| Harassment | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| Landlord/Tenant Problem | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Medical | 190 | 147 | 167 | 504 |
| Missing | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Needle Pick Up | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| No Trespass Notice | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Other | 8 | 16 | 8 | 32 |
| Panhandling | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Police Business | 6 | 4 | 13 | 23 |
| Prisoner Services | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Proactive Policing | 494 | 524 | 574 | 1592 |
| Robbery | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Service Call | 4 | 6 | 7 | 17 |
| Sexual Assault | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Suspicious | 30 | 15 | 20 | 65 |
| Theft | 17 | 15 | 14 | 46 |
| Traffic/MV Charges | 154 | 160 | 152 | 466 |
| Unknown | 13 | 4 | 5 | 22 |
| Unwanted | 42 | 32 | 25 | 99 |
| Vandalism/Damage | 11 | 15 | 5 | 31 |
| Vice Activity | 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Weapon | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Total | 1388 | 1289 | 1295 | 3972 |